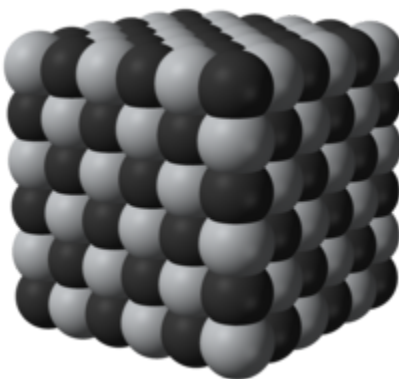


Titanium carbide

Titanium carbide, TiC, is an extremely [hard](#) (Mohs 9–9.5) [refractory ceramic](#) material, similar to tungsten carbide. It has the appearance of black powder with the [sodium chloride \(face-centered cubic\)](#) [crystal structure](#).

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Names

IUPAC name

titanium carbide

Other names

titanium(IV) carbide

Identifiers

CAS Number

12070-08-5 (https://commonchemistry.cas.org/detail?cas_rn=12070-08-5) ✓

3D model (JSmol)

Interactive image (<https://chemapps.stolaf.edu/jmol/jmol.php?model=%5BTi%2B%5D%23%5BC-%5D>)

ECHA InfoCard

100.031.916 (<https://echa.europa.eu/substance-information/-/substanceinfo/100.031.916>)

PubChem CID

4226345 (<https://pubchem.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/compound/4226345>)

UNII

7SHTGW5HBI (<https://fdasis.nlm.nih.gov/srs/srsdirect.jsp?regno=7SHTGW5HBI>) ✓

CompTox Dashboard (EPA)

DTXSID10583531 (<https://comptox.epa.gov/dashboard/chemical/details/DTXSID10583531>)

InChI

InChI=1S/C.Ti/q-1;+1

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Properties	
Chemical formula	TiC
Molar mass	59.89 g/mol
Appearance	black powder
Density	4.93 g/cm ³
Melting point	3,160 °C (5,720 °F; 3,430 K)
Boiling point	4,820 °C (8,710 °F; 5,090 K)
Solubility in water	insoluble in water
Magnetic susceptibility (<i>χ</i>)	+8.0·10 ^{−6} cm ³ /mol
Structure	
Crystal structure	Cubic , cF8
Space group	Fm 3 m, No. 225
Coordination geometry	Octahedral
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It occurs in nature as a form of the very rare mineral **khamrabaevite** ([Russian](#): Хамрабаевит) - (Ti,V,Fe)C. It was discovered in 1984 on [Mount Arashan](#) in the [Chatkal District](#),^[1] USSR (modern [Kyrgyzstan](#)), near the Uzbek border. The mineral was named after Ibragim Khamrabaevich Khamrabaev, director of Geology and Geophysics of [Tashkent](#), [Uzbekistan](#). As found in nature its crystals range in size from 0.1 to 0.3mm.

Physical properties

Titanium carbide has an [elastic modulus](#) of approximately 400 GPa and a shear modulus of 188 GPa.^[2]

Manufacturing and machining

Tool bits without tungsten content can be made of titanium carbide in [nickel](#)-cobalt matrix [cermet](#), enhancing the cutting speed, precision, and smoothness of the workpiece.

The resistance to [wear](#), [corrosion](#), and [oxidation](#) of a tungsten carbide–[cobalt](#) material can be increased by adding 6–30% of titanium carbide to tungsten carbide. This forms a [solid solution](#) that is more [brittle](#) and susceptible to breakage.

Titanium carbide can be [etched](#) with [reactive-ion etching](#).

Applications

Titanium carbide is used in preparation of [cermets](#), which are frequently used to [machine steel](#) materials at high cutting speed. It is also used as an abrasion-resistant surface coating on metal parts, such as [tool bits](#) and watch mechanisms.^[3] Titanium carbide is also used as a [heat shield](#) coating for [atmospheric reentry](#) of [spacecraft](#).^[4]

[7075 aluminium alloy](#) (AA7075) is almost as strong as steel, but weighs one third as much. Using thin AA7075 rods with TiC nanoparticles allows larger alloys pieces to be welded without phase-segregation induced cracks.^[5]

See also

- [Metallo-carbohedryne](#), a family of metal-carbon clusters including Ti_8C_{12}

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